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I have been charged by the International Conferences on Biological Membranes to organize a meeting on "Immunology and the Cellular Membrane." The organization mentioned has existed and functioned well for about 30 years, and this will be its 14th meeting. The Conference will be June 17-21, 1991, and will comprise about 50 people. The program (attached) has been almost completely finalized, and has the following dimensions:

First, there will be a discussion of the anchoring of proteins in membranes, including some aspects of the influence of the lipid matrix on the function of those proteins. Then there will be a day to talk about adhesion molecules (lymphocyte and leukocyte) followed by a half-day discussion on cytokines, and a half-day discussion on the immune function of astrocytes and microglia. We shall end up with a more clinical approach and some aspects of the role of the membrane in controlling some immunological functions or aberrations thereof.

We have the full cost of the hotel stay, including meals, in hand, and I am seeking travel funds to assist various individuals to get to the meeting, which will be held, as usual, in Crans-sur-Sierre in Switzerland - a convenient site. I think you will agree that this is a very timely topic that bridges biomedical fields. We do plan to produce a book, as has been done after previous meetings in this series.

Although my main objective is obviously to solicit and secure funds for the purpose mentioned, I should remark that at this relatively early stage I am open to suggestions regarding the meeting itself. I wonder if you would be good enough to let me know by mail, or by telephone, if your organization would be willing to help support this endeavor, and to what extent?

Sincerely,

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Enclosure